

17 May 1978

SUBJECT : Security Support to the House Select Committee on Assassinations
REFERENCE: OS 8 1278, 12 May 1978.

1. The following are my comments on the reference memorandum by paragraph.

2. A. The Office of Security representative on duty on 27 April was [redacted] He provided access to [redacted] material to Mickey Goldsmith, HSCA staff, at 1300 hours. Goldsmith was on the access list. [redacted] was asked to leave the room because he smoked. He complied stationing himself outside the room. Also present in the room at another table was a Committee staffer working with other classified material not of CIA origin. Mr. Goldsmith attested to the fact that he maintained control over his material at all times. [redacted] attested that Goldsmith and the other gentlemen were the only ones in the room. This arrangement was necessary because this was the only room approved for reading classified material and that, on this occasion, it occurred that two different sets of materials were involved. [redacted] advised me of his situation. I indicated that as long as material were in control of designated persons on the access list that we would have to live with the circumstance at the moment. As of 27 April, we were not operating under a definitive set of procedures since the Memorandum of Understanding had not been developed. Rather, we were working under the attached set of notes which [redacted] had in his possession. [redacted] did not see nor write OS 8 1278. Contrary to the conclusions therein, no other HSCA staff members reviewed the material.

2.B. On 5 May 1978, an access list was provided with materials that was delivered relating to [REDACTED]. This access list was different from that provided with the [REDACTED] materials. This is necessary to limit the proliferation of materials to only those staffers who have a genuine need-to-know.

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2.C. [] discussed with Gary Cornwell, Deputy Staff Chief, the fact that more individuals would be present in the hearing room on 25 April than were on the access list. People present were as follows:

E. Lopez, Researcher
W. Triplett, Staff Counsel
J. Blackmer, Staff Counsel
E. Berning, Chief Clerk
M. Wills, Deputy Clerk
H. Leap, Investigator
G. Fonzi, Investigator

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2. [] does not recall authorizing Ms. Wills and Ms. Benning to be present in the room. Presumably, Wills and Berning may have shared their fuction of clerk for the session and may not have been in the room simultaneously.

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